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Ryan W. Royce is an associate at the firm's Tampa office. He is a member of the firm's general liability practice, defending a broad range of claims including automobile and trucking accidents, construction defect litigation, premises liability litigation, real estate litigation, and employment discrimination and wrongful termination claims. Ryan graduated cum laude from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management before attending the University of Florida Levin College of Law and graduating with a Juris Doctor in 2015. He is admitted to practice in all Florida state courts as well as the Middle District of Florida.

Practice Areas:

- General Liability & Casualty
- Automobile Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Construction Defect
- Trucking Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

Admitted to Practice:

- Florida, 2015
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education:

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2015
- University of Florida, Bachelor of Science in Sports Management, *cum laude*, 2012

Professional Affiliations:

- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Florida Bar

Honors & Awards:

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, 2021-2024, Listed in Florida for Litigation - Construction; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Hillsborough County Bar Association Bar Leadership Institute, (Class of 2017-2018)

Representative Experience:

- Successfully obtained summary judgment in a case involving validity of two easements granted by the County in favor of a Condominium



Owner's Association, and concerning whether the Association's President had the authority to contractually agree to the easements under Fla. Stat. § 718.111(10), and under the community's governing documents.

- Successfully obtained summary judgment on the issue of whether a homeowner should be held liable to roofer in a case implicating Florida's open and obvious doctrine, and drawing a line of distinction between roofer being deemed an independent contractor or an employee.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment on the issue of whether client was entitled to worker's compensation immunity pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 440.10 and Fla. Stat. § 440.11.
- Successfully obtained Plaintiff's dismissal of case several days before the hearing on motion for summary judgment in a case involving catastrophic motor vehicle accident, and involving arguments as to which entity or entities were deemed to have possessed and/or controlled subject property on the day of the incident.
- Successfully obtained Plaintiff's dismissal of case on the day before the hearing on motion for summary judgment in a trip and fall case involving arguments as to which entity or entities were deemed to have possessed and/or controlled subject property on the day of the incident.